

A TRIBUTE TO THE ROTARY CLUB  
OF HASTINGS, DOBBS FERRY,  
ARDSLEY AND IRVINGTON

**HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2000*

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I take this opportunity to recognize the 75th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley and Irvington, in Westchester County in the State of New York, and urge Americans to take a moment to pay tribute to the efforts of Rotary International.

Rotary clubs were created in 1905 to promote international understanding and peace through cultural, humanitarian and educational exchange programs. Rotary clubs are composed of a group of community leaders, each of whom is in a different profession or business. These members provide humanitarian services, promote high ethical standards, and strive for peace in the world. Rotary clubs fund scholarships that enable students to study abroad as well as sponsor exchanges between countries of young business and professional people.

The members of Rotary clubs have assisted in health care programs worldwide, including the immunization efforts in developing countries to protect children against infectious diseases.

The Rotary Club of Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley and Irvington was founded in 1925. The name rotary was given to the club, resulting from the tradition of members rotating the place of meeting between their businesses.

Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join in congratulating the Rotary Club of Hastings, Dobbs Ferry, Ardsley and Irvington on their 75th anniversary, and thanking them for their continued service of helping others and our communities.

TRIBUTE TO JACK SHARP

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2000*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, Jack Sharp has now completed 25 years of service as a member of the Knoxville, Tennessee City Council.

Jack is a close friend of mine and is one of the finest men I know.

He has represented the entire City fairly and honorably, but he has been especially effective for his home area.

He holds one of three at-large seats on the Council and is very popular throughout the City.

He has served as Vice-Mayor and has frequently filled in for the Mayor at public functions of all types.

Jack has been a very forceful advocate for the fire fighters, police, and other City employees.

With his wife Doris almost always at his side, they have been outstanding goodwill ambassadors for Knoxville and a great team in thousands of ways for the City and its residents.

This Country would be a much better place if we had more men like City Councilman Jack Sharp. I congratulate him on his 25 years of community service and am thankful that term limits did not deprive us of his knowledge and experience many years ago.

I want to say thank you to Councilman Sharp and bring to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the RECORD the service of a great Tennessean and great American, my friend, Jack Sharp.

TRIBUTE TO JOSEPHINE "JO"  
BUTLER

**HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2000*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, as District of Columbia residents struggle in two lawsuits to reclaim their full rights as American citizens, it is appropriate today to remember Josephine "Jo" Butler, who died a year ago this week.

Jo Butler was not a public official or even a public person. She did not count herself among the self-important in the city. Instead, she worked tirelessly for the District's most important causes. Chief among these was statehood for the District of Columbia.

Jo Butler and I became fast friends in the fight for statehood. She was there in 1993, when this body granted my bill, the New Columbia Admission Act, a two-day debate and vote. Many of the city's elected officials and citizens were on hand. What makes Jo so memorable to me, however, is that she was always here. Jo was here when there were few residents to speak up or stand up for statehood or even the more ordinary elements of the city's control over its own affairs.

Nor did Jo ever give up on any of her issues, from peace to the environment. Whether for great causes like statehood for this capital city, or her precious Friends of Meridian Hill, Jo believed that struggle brings victory. She was a radical activist with a rare gift for bringing people together.

The people I represent abhor undemocratic intervention by the Congress. Yet perhaps, as in most great long-standing struggles, few have had the steadfast devotion of Jo Butler. Jo Butler's spirit lives on today in a reinvigorated movement for self-government pressed, in part, by two court cases for equality and democracy for our citizens, now on their way to the U.S. Supreme Court. May Jo's lifelong devotion to her causes infect and influence many more to reach for the level of dedicated struggle Jo Butler achieved.

TRIBUTE TO AMBASSADOR  
MORRIS ABRAM

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2000*

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues to join me in mourning the loss of my dear friend, Ambassador Morris B. Abram. He

passed away a few days ago in Geneva, Switzerland.

Ambassador Abram was a dynamic leader in the Jewish community and commanded the respect and affection of all who knew him. Born in Fitzgerald, Georgia, in 1918, Abram was the former President of Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts. He also served previously as the president of the American Jewish Committee and Chairman of the board of Benjamin Cardozo Law School in New York City. As a respected attorney, he argued landmark civil rights cases in the 1950s and 1960s, including the Supreme Court's 1963 "One Man, One Vote" decision.

In 1982, Mr. Abram published his autobiography, *The Day Is Short* (Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich), detailing his legendary career and his battle with leukemia. But eighteen years ago, his career was far from over. Since that time, he served as Chairman of the NCSJ from 1983 to 1988, and Chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations for three years. In the area of public service, he was head of U.S. delegations to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe. He was also Vice-Chairman of the U.S. Commission on Human Rights. Under President Bush, Abram was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva. Following his ambassadorial service, he founded United Nations Watch.

Denis C. Braham of Houston, Chairman of the NCSJ, paid an appropriate tribute to Morris Abram: "The experiences that he brought to NCSJ from his leadership of Brandeis University and national Jewish groups made him uniquely qualified to head the organization at a time when the plight of Soviet Jewry was at the top of the Jewish global agenda. Morris was not just an American Jewish leader but a world Jewish leader."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. DOUG BEREUTER**

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2000*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, on March 22, 2000, official business off of Capitol Hill caused me to unavoidably miss rollcall vote 65 (final passage on H.R. 3822, the Oil Price Reduction Act). Had I been present I would have voted "aye."

Opponents of the legislation were circulating comments that I made as Vice-Chairman of the International Relations Committee during consideration of H.R. 3822. My statement, accurately reported by a prominent news service, was that by the Committee passage of this legislation, "we're making ourselves feel good, but that's all it is." What the article did not include is the fact that my remarks also included the statement that the President already has all the authority to implement all the recommendations of this legislation, including the authority to exact sanctions on the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), if he chooses to do so. My statement was prefaced by my remarks that the Administration has been too slow in protesting and

working to reverse or counter OPEC's production cutbacks which began last spring and which have let the prices spiral get out of hand. As I said, the Administration should have been pressuring OPEC countries five or six months ago to reduce prices. I concluded my remarks in Committee by stating that the American people are now stuck with higher prices for gasoline, diesel fuel and heating oil for at least the next half year because "the Administration was asleep at the switch" and didn't take energetic and prudent actions. If there is any blame to be distributed at the Federal level, the American people should know it falls on the Administration.

NUCLEAR WASTE POLICY  
AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2000

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 22, 2000*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I rise in opposition to the Nuclear Waste Amendments Act of 2000. This bill will establish the largest nuclear waste shipping program in U.S. history. It also endangers the health of our citizens and the environmental integrity of our lands. I cannot in good conscience support a bill that undermines the welfare of our people to provide the expeditious disposal of nuclear waste.

This bill continues to support interim storage of nuclear waste and does not provide the utilities the choice of interim storage in Nevada so that they can begin to remove waste from reactors and Department of Defense sites around the country by the year 2003. Pursuant to this measure, nuclear waste would be shipped to Yucca Mountain before the permanent construction of a repository. We should not place the lives of innocent people in jeopardy prior to the completion of a permanent repository. The safety of human life should be our number one priority not the premature removal of extremely dangerous nuclear waste.

Furthermore, this bill if passed will initiate the shipment of nuclear waste shipments with extraordinary amounts of radioactivity by rail and truck. This activity will potentially expose 50 million people to high levels of radiation for over 30 years. Our Nation's localities are not trained nor equipped to deal with a serious radioactive contamination event. Response teams in our nation's hospitals, police forces, firemen, and schools would be placed in an unfortunate position resulting in human suffering. We should not support a bill that does not provide for the training, equipment, and study needed to give the public reasonable assurances that their children will be safe from any possibility of radiation exposure due to a nuclear waste accident.

This bill also seeks to undermine the EPA's ability to set strong radiation standards. The measure delays the proposed standard of 15 milirems for a year until the next President takes office. The EPA can only issue a standard before the year's end if the Nuclear Regulatory Commission [NRC] agrees; however, the NRC proposes standards that do not provide adequate drinking water protections.

Finally, the selection of the Yucca Mountain site as the nuclear repository was a poor choice. Yucca Mountain happens to be located in an active earthquake zone. An earthquake registering 5.6 on the Richter scale in Yucca Mountain caused \$1 million worth of damage to an Energy Department field office near the repository site. Imagine what would happen if nuclear waste was stored in the mountain. It is even possible for radiation to contaminate drinking water for the region for years to come.

For these important reasons, I cannot support the Nuclear Waste Amendments Act of 2000. The people of this country deserve better.

HONORING AVA DONER

**HON. STEVEN T. KUYKENDALL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2000*

Mr. KUYKENDALL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Ava Doner, a pioneer in business from my district. Ava recently passed away after a long and illustrious career as president and founder of Engineering Associates.

Ava, a leading figure in the Los Angeles business community, led the way for women for over 50 years, opening doors of opportunity in fields from drafting and design to all disciplines of engineering support services and transportation. Ava was always available to assist young, working women. She helped establish organizations to encourage the growth and development of aspiring women entrepreneurs and found time to support them during her entire career.

She was an active member of the business community and her efforts did not go unnoticed. Some of the commendations she received during her distinguished career included the 1999 Small Business Administration Woman Business Advocate of the Year, the City of Los Angeles Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Los Angeles Woman Business Owner of the Year. She was also the first recipient of the first Women's Referral Service "Ava Doner Pioneer Award," named for her in recognition of her contributions and leadership as a woman pioneer in business.

Ava Doner touched the lives of many women in the working world, leaving a lasting impression upon the business community. Ava will be dearly missed, but her legacy will live on.

WILLIAM CRAWFORD WAS TRULY  
A HERO

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2000*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to ask that we all pause a moment to remember a true American hero, Mr. William Crawford. Though he is gone, he will live on in the hearts of all who knew him and be remembered for long years by many who didn't.

During World War II, William fought for our country while he served in the Army. Mr. Crawford's bravery as an Army private in World War II led to him becoming the first of Pueblo's four Medal of Honor recipients. Racing through heavy gunfire and detonating hand grenades on enemy gun sites, Mr. Crawford exemplified bravery. In 1945, he was captured by German troops and was presumed dead. As a result, his father received the Medal of Honor on his behalf. However, later that year, Mr. Crawford was rescued from the German troops. In 1947, he re-enlisted in the Army and served until 1967.

As you can see, Mr. Speaker, Mr. Crawford was a model American, embodying patriotism, strength, gentleness and service throughout his lifetime. William will be missed by all of us. Hopefully, we can learn from the example that William Crawford has set.

MARCH SCHOOL OF THE MONTH

**HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 2000*

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to name Lawrence Middle School in Lawrence as the School of the Month in the fourth congressional district for March 2000. Lawrence Middle School principal is Dr. Mark Kavarsky, and Superintendent of Schools is Dr. Paul Kelleher.

I chose Lawrence Middle as the March School of the Month because the school provides educational activities before school, during school and after school. I'm working on an amendment to this year's education bill to bolster after school programs, and Lawrence is a perfect model of how to help kids learn all day.

The mission of the Lawrence Public Schools is to ensure all learners reach their highest individual potential, through an academically rigorous educational system that inspires lifelong learning; focuses on creative, student-centered teaching and learning; and enables all to possess the confidence and abilities to meet life's challenges.

Lawrence Middle teaches 900 children in grades 6, 7 and 8. Two years ago I was the guest of honor—and first elected official—at Lawrence's Long Island Middle School Forum, where representatives from the middle schools in the 4th congressional district debated and discussed legislative issues.

When I visited Lawrence, I was impressed with how knowledgeable our kids are about the legislative process. It's vital we encourage government participation at such a young age.

In addition to their top academic activities, the youth at Lawrence Middle are civic-minded, participating in the Service Learning Club where the youth collect toiletries, clothes and other items to give to the homeless. An innovative way Lawrence teaches the kids about wastefulness is "Wrap It Up"—when students collect and wrap all leftover food from the cafeteria and other school events. This food is then forwarded to local food kitchens to provide for the needy in the Long Island community.